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For: PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE FOR  
RARE EXPRESSED GENES AND ANALYZING METHOD USING  
THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application without  
prejudice as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute  
for pending claims 22 and 23 the following rewritten versions  
of claims 22 and 23 as amended. The changes made are shown  
explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show  
Changes Made."

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22. (Amended) A method for the preparation of an RNA  
sample including rare expressed genes, comprising the steps  
of: